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Waterproof Thermal Insulation

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JANUARY 26, 1998

In response to the Office Action Mailed January 26, 1998, applicant requests amendment of the application as follows:

In-the Claims

(twice amended) The pipeline of claim-21, wherein said insulating layer is [more than about 3/4] at least 1/2 inch thick.

REMARKS

Claims 21-53 are pending in the application. Of these claims, claims 50 and 51 are now withdrawn from consideration. Claims 21, 22, 24-48 and 52 have been identified as comprising